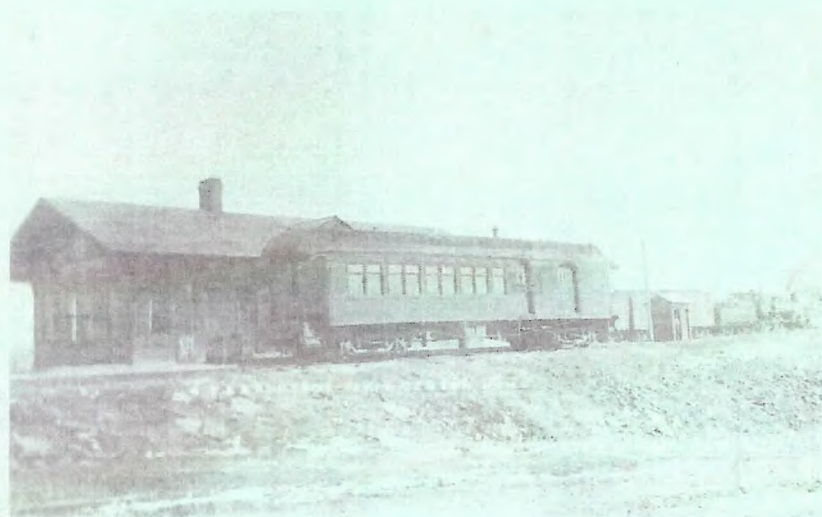


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Editor's Notes —

Starting out with this issue of Vol. 20 was something the editor never dreamed of when this quarterly was started in January, 1968. We have to admit that the years have certainly passed by rather swift.

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In order to be sure and get all of the articles and stories we have and some we expect to come we are planning to add 3 or 4 more pages. If they don't get over a certain weight.

We have been getting orders for back issues of IN THE BEGINNING. A box of 34 went to Fredonia, a box or package of 40 went to Tulsa, OK, package of 43 went to Walnut Creek, CA, a package of four to Oregon and some to Idaho.

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Our cover picture this time is the Santa Fe Depot that stood at the south end of Main Street in Yates Center. The depot was on the east side of the road and the track crossed the road and went a distance on where a turn table was built. Here the crew turned the engine around and headed east and north to Neosho Falls stopping at the depot there and then on to Colony where the main line was.

The single passenger car was sitting on the south side of the depot, while the engine, "Old Jerky" is at the edge of the picture. The Santa Fe emblem with Yates Center printed under it was on the end of the depot. The small building with a man standing in the door was the most modern "bathroom" of the town.

The writer accompanying his mother, Mrs. Belle Harding rode this passenger car from Yates Center to the depot at Neosho Falls for a short stop and then on to Colony where we changed to a more modern and longer train for Kansas City. This was about 1913.

We believe that some of the old iron turn table can still be found.

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WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
Organized March, 1965

The Woodson County Historical Society held their regular bi-monthly meeting, at the farm home of Mr. and Mrs. Loren Mitchell, nine miles north and a mile east from Yates Center. The Mitchell's have fixed a small part of their farm into more of a show place. They fixed the hen house into a shop and curiosity building.

There had been no program planned, but just a short business meeting. The Daylight Donut Shop of Yates Center catered the fried chicken evening meal to 62 people.

Everyone appreciated the work Loren and Mrs. Mitchell did in fixing tables and seats for this large group.

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IN MEMORIAN

Ardath Ross 85 September 4, 1986

While Mrs. Ross was not a native of Woodson County she had taught many terms of school in the county.

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Herbert Sowers 83 October 24, 1986

Mr. Sowers had been a farmer for many years in Woodson County. He had lived in the county for quite some time coming to Woodson County in 1920. He and his wife Delyte have been members of the Woodson Co. for several years.

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The Woodson County Historical Society held their regular bi-monthly meeting at the 107 Inn, in Yates Center, Tuesday evening for a 6:30 dinner meeting with over 60 present. The program was given by Professor Leslie Meredith, formerly of Toronto. He has been teaching at the Allen County Community College in Iola for several years. He spoke and showed colored slides on "Seeing Beauty Where You Are". His slides were all taken in southeast Kansas.

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WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL SOCIETY
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THE GEORGE HUNT FAMILY —

Our story starts in a doctor's office in Schuyler County, Missouri. On this particular visit to the doctor after several examinations, the doctor told George that one lung was gone and the other one was falling. "You have got to get out of Missouri," the doctor said. The doctor told him that he would probably live for six months if he would change climates.

George Hunt was born in Schuyler Co., Missouri, March 12, 1854. He was married to Martha Jane Shelton, July 10, 1874. That is the only mention we have of this wife. She evidently died, for on January 5, 1879 he was married to Francis E. Phillips.

At the time of the doctor's orders they had two children, Anna Lee and Myrtle.

A bed was made for George in the covered wagon and the family joined a small party of people who were also headed for the mountains.

This was a very trying trip for it included some very trying times for the wife and mother, who with a sick husband, two small girls and another on the way.

The story is told that they arrived at Old Kalida. By this time winter was near and they decided to stay over and not go on to Colorado. They didn't have much to live on. A neighbor gave them a few hens and another loaned them a cow. That winter George slowly but surely improved in health.

The Hunt family seemed to move to near the Crotty in Coffey County. By the time the baby came on May 1, 1887, George was able to do light work. The Kansas climate seemed to agree with him.

As his health improved George M. started doing something that he enjoyed doing. That was 'horse trading' and buying up land and building and improving the place to sell.

The first land he bought and improved was known as the Loren Mitchell farm. 80 acres across the road is now a part of the Abbott Crandall Ranch. This land was purchased in 1887. This land was all in Liberty Township, Woodson County.

The last farm he owned in Liberty was the southwest quarter of Section 9. This was six miles north and four miles west from Yates Center.

In April, 1901, George M. Hunt purchased his dream farm, four miles west and a mile south of Yates Center.

On December 9, 1909 Frances Hunt passed away at the age of 52 years, leaving George, a widower at age of fifty-five.

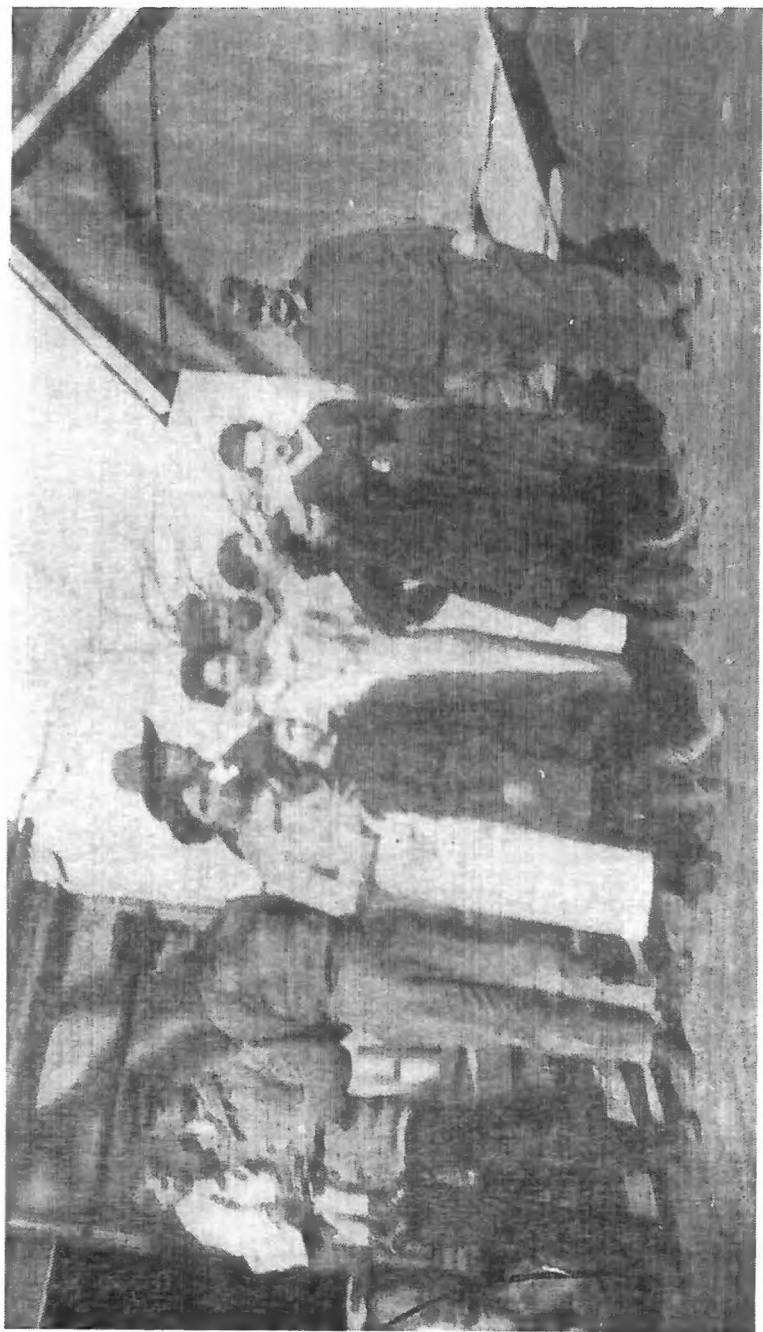
The children of George M. and Frances Phillips Hunt were: Anna Lee, 1881; Myrtle, 1884; Pearl Rose, May 1, 1884; and Edgar George Hunt, 1892. There were three children died in infancy.

Anna Lee married Fay Mills. They had no children. Myrtle married Ras Hatch. Their children were: Delbert, Mabel (Beckett); Gladys (McGilton) and Rev. Francis, Irma and Bud.

Pearl Rose married Earl Gorman. Their children were Lester and Raymond. It is to Raymond Gorman that we are indebted to for the majority of this story of the Hunt Family. He lives in Miami, FL.



The four children of George M. and Frances Phillips Hunt. From the left are: Myrtle (Hatch), Anna (Mills) Edd Hunt, and Pearl (Gorman). This was taken around 1918-19.



The George Hunt Family — Man with large hat, back row-George Hunt, next to him is Ed Hunt. At left Ras Hatch, holding son Francis, Earl Gorman, Myrtle Hatch, two girls, Gladys and Mabel Hatch,, Fay Mills.



George Hunt and two oldest granddaughters, Gladys and Mabel Hatch.

THE WILLIAM E. BROOKS FAMILY —

The Wm. E. Brooks family came to Woodson County in 1907. Two sons were married and three younger children were still living at home. Wm. E. had been a traveling salesman for McConnon & Co., but turned to farming, and then was a shoe cobbler. He operated the first electrically equipped shoe repair shop in Yates Center, located on State Street south of the present bank between what was the old telephone building.

The family once lived seven miles north and about 1½ miles west of Yates Center. Also at one time Wm. E. and his wife were employed by the Woodson Hotel and had living quarters there in the days when someone from the hotel met the many trains that stopped in Yates Center.

Wm. E. was of German descent and was born in Greenville, Tennessee, January 3, 1853 and died in Yates Center, January 7, 1928. His wife Nancy Caroline Higgans was Irish and was born in Raleigh, North Carolina in 1861 and died March 12, 1928. Both are buried in Yates Center Cemetery.

Wm. E. and Nancy were parents of four boys and one girl. Jess, Claude, Clarence, Icy, and Homer.

For the present we will just take up the stories of two of the Brooks children, Claude and Icy. We will use some pictures of other members of the family.



Children in picture Homer and Icy Brooks with their parents Wm. E. and Minnie Ann Cline Brooks.

Claude Earnest Brooks was born in Missouri in 1889. He was married to Minnie Ann Cline. For awhile they lived with his parents, Wm. E. and Minnie Brooks on a farm seven miles north and a just over a mile west from Yates Center. This house is still standing and occupied by Robert and Marie Beine. For awhile Claude worked for the Ollie Crandall Ranch ten miles north of Yates Center. Claude and Minnie then moved into Yates Center where he worked for the grocery and meat market of E.C. Downey, butchering and delivering groceries.



Claude and his one horse delivery wagon and large sun shade.

Later he worked for the Missouri Pacific as a laborer and section foreman.

Claude and Minnie were parents of five children, Earle, Opal, Lloyd, Wilma and Doris. They all grew up in Yates Center. Earle E. was born in 1906. He was married to Lola Maye Vest. Their children were: Earline Maye, Velma Nadine, Robert Lloyd and Vesta Sue. Earle worked for the MOP and Katy Railroad before moving to Shawnee Mission to work for the school district. After Lola's death in 1977 he was married to Mrs. Alice McCambley Edwards.

Georgia Opal was born in 1909 and died in 1976. She was married to Ray E. Reno of Yates Center, a plasterer and masonry worker. Ray served in W.W. I as a private, Co. K, 20th Infantry. Their children all grew up in Yates Center. Ramona, Dorothy, Benton, and Beverlee. Ramona Louise Reno, 1928-1958, married Herman Walters of Iowa. Their children were:

Dale Lynn, Deloris Louise, Darrell Lloyd and Diana Lee. Dorothy Jean Reno, married Orville E. Stewart of Yates Center. Their children were two boys, Tommy Ray and David Eugene. Claude Benton (1954) married Linda Lou Mundinger of Yates Center. Their children were Russell Allen, Marlene Louise, Charles Ray and Robert Eugene. Benton after high school, made the army his career (Communications, Specialist 6), and is now retired from the army and living in Pittsburg. Beverlee June Reno (1941) married Perry D. Martin of Burlington. Their children were Jerrell, Kyle Ray, Ramon Jean and Perry Daniel. Later Beverlee married Harold F. Ray. They had one child Harold Loren Ray. They now live in LeRoy. Lloyd Aaron Brooks (1911-1925), died following an accident when he was 16 and a junior high school. Wilma Nadine Brooks, (1914), graduated from Coffeyville Junior College and the University of Kansas and served in the United States Reserve in W.W. II, (Specialist, Supervisor) and is now a professional librarian and living in Wichita. Doris May Brooks married Manford Jones, Jr. of Toronto. They had one child. Madeline Irene. Later she married Louis Blohm of Piqua. They had a child, Louis Elaine.



The Claude Brooks Family. Sitting: Mr. Brooks, standing from left are Wilma, Doris, Minnie, (the mother), Eugene and Opal.



A five generation picture taken May 6, 1951. (clockwise) from left: Barbara Siever Cline, 87, her daughter Minnie Cline Brooks, 62, her daughter Opal Reno Brooks, 42, her daughter Romana Reno Walters, 22, and her daughter Deloris Walters, 1½ years.

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Icy Yola Brooks, (1891-1915) was sixteen when the family moved to Kansas. She married Samuel Clark Wells of Woodson County and they had a son Edgar born in 1914. All three were drowned May 15, 1915 in a boating mishap near the Wells home at the west end of the South Reservoir (Y.C. water works).

The following was taken from the Yates Center News at the time of the tragedy.

"Mr. and Mrs. Clark Wells and baby boy were drowned Sunday a.m. at the west end of the reservoir near their home. They left home early in the morning for a pleasure ride in their row boat. Several persons passing by noticed the upturned boat, but were ignorant of the tragedy that had occurred. Mr. Wells, the father with whom the young people were making their home with, noticed the boat and not seeing anyone near, knew that they were beneath the water.

He notified near neighbors, and later phoned to Yates Center. About 10:30, rescue parties came as soon as possible when autos could be secured. The Wells' Brothers had found the body of Mrs. Wells by the time help arrived. Charley Sticher who was fishing nearby finally located the body of Clark Wells by diving to the bottom some 15 feet and with much exertion brought him to shore. Dr. Dingus who had come from the boat dock and dam, and rowed across, accidentally found the body of the baby about a hundred feet from the others. He was floating in some weeds.

Several hundred people had gathered. For several hours doctors with the help of strong men and with the use of pull motors worked to bring them back to life, but to no avail. Mr. and Mrs. Wells were each 23 years old. They had been married since July, 1913 and had but the one child."



This picture of the different Brooks families was taken at the farm 7 miles north and a mile west from Yates Center, about 1908. Seated to the left are Nancy C. and Wm. E. Brooks, the latter holding Earle E. Standing are: Homer P. Brooks, Clark and Icy Brooks Wells. Next is Jess Brooks with son Howard and wife Ola Cline Brooks. Next is Claude E. Brooks with his wife Minnie Cline Brooks.

The team of white mules at the left are hitched to surry.

YATES CENTER HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATES — 1890 to 1909.
 This list of the first graduates of the Yates Center High School
 was first compiled by Neva Aronhalt in 1937.

1897

Edna Carpenter
 Emma Maude Campbell
 Fannie Chellis
 Edith Dutro
 Amelia May Harder
 Marie Hayes
 Grace Holcomb
 Elizabeth Howe
 Ollie Howe
 Caroline Kimbell
 Claude Knight
 Adda Milson
 Charlotte Meyers
 John Henry Pemberton
 Bertha Stephenson
 Sidney White
 Alice Winter
 Flora Trueblood

1898

James C. Brown
 Mary Cordella Hogueland
 John E. Markham
 Bessie Naylor

1898

Nora Alsbaugh
 May Camac
 Theodore Harder
 Grace Holloway
 Leland D. Jones
 Walter E. Spencer
 May Litton

7

1899

Lizzie Martin
 Lillie Trueblood
 Fae Wharton
 Jessie Carpenter
 Effie Davidson
 Wendall Phillips
 Bert Simpson
 Scott Spencer
 Ora Shurtleff

9

1901

Will Cannady
 Bessie Davidson
 Abba Gepharte
 Della Gepharte
 Tom Holiday
 Dexter Holloway
 Kate Litton
 Jacob Lovell
 Guy Marple
 Gertrude Moore
 Wilbur Naylor
 John McGuire
 Lucy Phillips
 Maude Pringle
 Mae Redfearn
 Maggie Sharp
 Lelia Shurtleff
 Almeda Stines
 Bernice Stewart
 Almeda Stines
 Pearl Shaefer
 Hoyt White
 Frank Woodruff
 Clarence Wilkinson

23

1902

Ethel Elliot
 Oliver Spencer
 Elizabeth West
 Clara Wharton
 Pearl Weckerly

5**1903**

David Carter
 Pearl Depew
 Leslie Ferris
 Carlisle Frost
 Blanche Florence
 Frances Kimbell
 Maude Lenhart
 Georgie Melton
 Warren Milson
 Mary Phillips
 Roy Reeves
 George Ross
 Olive Shannon
 Frank Steffen
 Sofia Spencer
 Alice Thoroughman
 Lyra Wall
 Fred Walters
 Mora Whittaker
 Masia Young

20**1904**

Ethel Brown
 Marguërtie Conger
 Florence Curry
 Willia Eades
 Harry Emerson
 Leslie Florence
 Jessie Gepharte
 Evelyn Gildersleeve
 Vera Holloway
 Mabel Johnson
 Rilla Kemmerer
 Marcia Kelley
 Ruth Kelley
 Arnott Lamb
 Vinnie Ellis
 Lottie Muender
 Lewis McCormick
 Harry McPheeters
 Nell Palmer
 Muriel Phelps
 Lenore Plummer
 Edna Rosemberger
 Hugh Simpler
 Edna Wharton
 Walker Whittaker
 Leon Wilkenson

26

1905

Alice Alexander
 Mae Baily
 Alice Beck
 Iris Bowen
 Henry Burlingame
 Mabel Curtis
 Myrtle Dysert
 Pearl Edwards
 Georgia Fields
 Lillian Ferris
 Tocora Foote
 Belle Catherine Fry
 Frank Hogueland
 Fannie Johnson
 Ross Landes
 Cecile Mason
 Lucas Nanninga
 Cecil Ray
 Ida Redfearn
 Verne Scudder
 Otis Swope
 Henry Wachtman
 Russell Waymire
 Louis Weide
 Cora West

25

1906

Herbert Bailey
 Lauren E. Conger
 Benjamin Depew
 Harry Landis
 Charles Naylor
 Eric Palmer
 Richard E. Phillips
 Edith Schlichting
 Dora Sticher
 Earl Taylor
 Elroy Ward

11

1907

Lila Wagner
 Bessie Ashley
 Ruth Boursfeld
 Mabel Bacon
 Carl Culver
 Amy Dysert
 William Hosick
 Albert Kelley
 Mona Martin
 Bert Mentzer
 Pearl Muender
 Carrie Nanninga
 Earl Patterson
 Francis Stocker
 Mabel Thoroghman
 Earl Underwood
 Harry West
 Clara Weide

1908

John Allen
 Gladys Anderson
 Nina Boursfeld
 Fred Brown
 Edith Campbell
 Kate Camac
 Eva Curtis
 John Fleming
 Harold Gillette
 Lucile Graham
 Lillian Hefflefinger
 Jessie Holcomb
 Vena Sharitts
 Margaret Lambert
 Birdie Johnson
 Freeman Martin
 Anna McCormick
 Nellie McCormick
 Ollis Myers
 Jessie Naylor
 Iva Palmer
 Claire Plummer
 Mary Robson
 Frank E. Samuels
 Minnie Stockebrand

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THE RICHARD MILTON PHILLIPS FAMILIES —

In writing articles of this family we will be telling of at least three Richard Milton Phillips.

Richard Milton Phillips I, was born in Washington, Kentucky, September 16, 1854. He was a son of Dr. Franklin William and Lucy Jane Phillips. Richard M. as a boy moved with his parents to Illinois in 1864.

About 1869 or 1870, they moved to Kansas, where they started buying up land from M.K.T.R.R. in the starting of a horse ranch. The ranch was given the name of Sunny Brae Farm. Their house was built about in the center of Section 10, Twp. 25 Range 14.

According to records in the Woodson County Courthouse, Dr. W. F. and wife Lucy Jane, bought all of Sec. 10, part in 1868 and some in 1870. The rest of the ranch was added on later. The ranch house was almost in the center of the nearly 2,000 acres of land in the hills six and a half miles west from Yates Center. William S. Phillips, a brother of Richard Milton I, bought several hundred acres of this ranch. A notice in the Woodson County Advocate of February 10, 1893, tells about W.S. Phillips shipping a car of horses to the ranch.

Sometime down along the line we saw a notice in a Yates Center newspaper, calling the ranch, "Phillips Horse Academy." They trained and cared for horses, especially race horses.

Richard Milton Phillips I, came in possession of this horse ranch in 1888. On February 19, 1882 he was married to Miss Effie Chellis. Effie was a daughter of Hale T. and Sara Chellis who started the ownership of Chellis in 1869. They were parents of seven children, the oldest three were born at "Sunny Brae".

The children of Richard M. and Lucy Jane Phillips were: Lucy Jane, September 27, 1883; Mary Chellis, September 24, 1885; Richard Milton II, February 22, 1888; Harry Phillips, January 17, 1893; Leah Bonita, August 22, 1894; Vida Effie, November 28, 1897; George Edward, February 6, 1903.

On February 2, 1888, Richard gave his brother Wm. S. Phillips a quit claim to the horse ranch. Wm. S. operated the ranch until around 1900.



On each side of Effie Phillips are daughters, Lucy and Mary. The lady on end is Mrs. D. F. Dillman with two sons, Bill and Fred Dillman. In back rows: D. F. Dillman, George Phillips and Darrel Dillman.

To the left side of this picture is the only one we were able to find of Richard Milton Phillips I. We do not know several in the picture. Mr. Phillips is wearing a white coat. His wife Effie Chellis Phillips is number five in the center row. This picture was taken after the family moved to Yates Center.

The children of Richard Milton and Effie Phillips were: Lucy Jane married John Schnell, April 2, 1923. They had one daughter.

Mary Chellis Phillips never married. She taught many terms of school in Woodson County.

Richard Milton, Jr., married Iva Mae Dillman. They had two children, Richard Milton III, who married Wanda Adams and Dorothy Ann, who married Lester Gillespie.

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Harry Phillips died in infancy in January 17, 1893.

Leah Bonita was married first to Lee Hanmaker. Later she was married to Charles Luther Scott.

Vida Effie was married to Lt. Paul Cannady. They had three children, Paul, Jr., who never married, Genova and Betty.

George Edward, who never married was a veteran of W.W. II.



The Richard Milton I Family - The two men are from left: Richard Milton Phillips Jr. and George E. Ladies standing: Lucy Schnell, Vida Cannady, Lea and Mary. Seated is their mother, Effie Phillips.

DR. SAMUEL JEWITT BACON —

Samuel Bacon was born at Cherry Valley, New York on July 17, 1847. In October of that year his parents moved to Wisconsin and then to Michigan. When he was about 8 years old his parents made another move. This time to Minnesota. Here Samuel grew up and when just over 16 years old he enlisted in the United States Army. He was discharged in 1866, after serving three years.

After the War was over he returned home and was married to Addie J. Whitcomb, on August 25, 1867. They were parents of eight children.

In 1877, he came to Kansas where he first was engaged in the drug business, in a frame building where he later built his stone building. Dr. Samuel J. Bacon practiced medicine for several years along with his drug store. Bacon purchased the Wofer Drug Store.

Along in 1883, he built one of the sandstone buildings on the west side of the square.



On the rock in the center above the windows is carved - "Dr. S. J. Bacon - 1883."

STATEMENT.

Yates Center, Kansas. December 19 1884

M B. F. Clayton

In Account with S. J. BACON,

DRUGGIST.

WEST SIDE OF THE SQUARE.

1884

Feb	28	1/2 Pt. Camphor	pts.	75
"	"	1 Btl St Jacobs Oil		50
June	5	20 1 Btl. Aug Flower		75
"	8	" 3 3/4 In Iron		25
Sept	29	" 1/2 Pt Gin		30
"	30	" 1 Btl Kelly's Wine		75
"	"	" 1/2 Pt Gin		30
Oct	6	" 1/2 " French Brandy		50
"	"	" 2 Copy Books		30
"	"	" 2 Penholders & Pens		10
"	13	" 1 # Agua Anoma		20
Total				\$ 4.70

A statement of purchase given by Dr. Bacon in December 19, 1884 to B. F. Clayton in Dr. Bacon's own handwriting. B. F. Clayton operated a livery stable here at the time.

1896 M.3

1896



THE SAMUEL HASE FAMILY —

While some of the Hase family were in the picture in the No. 76-Oct. 1986 issue of *In The Beginning*, there are some different families in this picture. The building behind this picture is the large brick house built by the Samuel Hase family. It was located about a mile south of Toronto, close to the Verdigris River - now covered by water of the Toronto Lake,

Those in this picture are listed below:

Back row: L to R - Byron Carlisle, Wess Shaw, Eugene Bean, Slak Shaw, Henry Hase, Emma Hase, Cal Hilderbrand, Serena Hase, Emma Evans, George Hase, Lula Hase, Nettie Shaw, Ella Hase, Matt Carlisle, Frank Hase, Emma Carlisle, John Carlisle, Edgar Beane, Rhodes Carlisle, Jake Hase, In window is Charles Hase.

Front row: John C. Hase, Frank Hase, Elmer Hase, Samantha Shaw, Gussie Walker, Grandpa Samuel Hase, Effie Hase, Nellie Walker, Emma Hase, Eugene Hase, Lide Hase, Rose Hase, Joe McHugh, Albert Shaw, Harry Shaw, Sam Hase, Howard Carlisle, Josephine Carlisle, Margaret Carlisle.



The large brick house was built around 1895. This was known as the W. H. Black home for several years.

**YATES CENTER COUPLE OBSERVE THEIR
75th WEDDING ANNIVERSARY —**

On Saturday, November 1, 1986 Warren and Sadie celebrated their 75th wedding anniversary at their neat little cottage on East Sanderson St. in Yates Center.

The couple first met at the Union Line Church on the Kansas-Missouri border shortly after Sadie Hinderliter's family moved to the Ft. Scott area from Lewistown, IL in 1902. Warren grew up on a farm of his parents near Hume, MO. Warren Black and Sadie Hinderliter were married at the parsonage in Fulton, KS on November 1, 1911.



This picture of Sadie and Warren Black was taken at the time of their 50th wedding anniversary. They were both 95 years old during the month of September, 1986.

Mr. and Mrs. Black spent most of their life on a farm that they attributed partly for their long married life.

Mr. and Mrs. Black were the parents of two daughters, Beulah who lives in Lamar, CO and Mabelle who married Kenneth Ferree. They operated the House of Fabrics for several years. Mabelle passed away. The Blacks have six grandchildren. One of these, Phyllis Strawn with her husband James Strawn, live about a mile out of Yates Center.

Mr. and Mrs. Black started taking "In The Beginning" soon after coming to Yates Center and are still taking it. During nice weather Warren Black with the aid of his cane still makes his trip to the grocery store, a trip of around eight blocks.

The Black's lived on farms in Southeast Kansas until moving to Yates Center from Bronson in 1964.



Richard M. Phillips Jr. and wife Iva Mae Dillman Phillips

Richard M. "Dick" Phillips was born Richard Milton, the third child of Richard Milton and Effie Chellis Phillips. He was born at the Phillips Horse Ranch, 6½ miles west and a half mile north from Yates Center, February 27, 1888. Shortly after he was born the family moved to Yates Center, where "Dick" attended the grade school and high school, graduating with the 1906 class of the Yates Center High School.

He was a member of the Kansas National Guard, and belonged to Co. L. 137th Infantry with which he served during

World War I in Europe, going from a 2nd Lieutenant to a 1st Lieutenant. Returning to Yates Center after the war he was married to Iva Mae Dillman, September 25, 1911.

They were the parents of two children, Richard Milton, III and Dorothy Ann.

Richard M. "Dick" Phillips was an accountant by profession and worked in Yates Center, Dodge City, Independence and also went to Florida. Upon his return to Yates Center he was elected to Woodson County Treasurer. From this job he retired with total disability which remained for the rest of his life.

During his later life he became very interested in collecting Indian artifacts and he spent many hours each week walking the fields of Woodson and surrounding counties looking for anything in connection with the American Indians that inhabited this area. The most of his collection was placed in shallow trays and arranged by the size of the flint arrowheads. He had a great love for the outdoors and spent a great deal of his time hunting and fishing.

He was a charter member of the American Legion and VFW posts in Yates Center.

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Richard Milton and Dorothy Ann grew up here and graduated from the Yates Center schools.

Milton as he was better known by was born July 1919. He was married to Wanda --- Adams. Their children were: TWINS- Pamela and Patricia, Robedda, Susan and Richard Milton, who went by the name of "Rich" although he was the 4th Richard Milton in succession of the family.

Milton passed away 1981, at the age 62. He was a veteran of W.W. II.

Dorothy Ann was married to Lester Gillispie. Their children were: Gil, Phil and Cheri.

Lester was a veteran of W.W. II, and was in a German Prison Camp for awhile.



Family picture, at left: Iva Mae, Richard Milton III, Dorothy Ann and Richard "Dick" Milton Phillips.

THE PRINGLE RANCH —

When this article was started it was intended to be just about the Ranch of J. Richard "Dick" and Mardell Pringle and their longhorn cattle and buffalo. It was then decided to include Dick's grandfather John Pringle.

As one goes down the U.S. 75 from Yates Center, you come to a large bend in the highway, with the ranch house built in the southeast of the curve. And in certain times a small herd of longhorn cattle and a couple of buffalo can be seen grazing either east or west of the house.


The first longhorn for this ranch was purchased in 1966, when Dick bought three cows from the Blair Ranch. The herd has increased to 110 with one of them being 27 years old. The sale of these longhorns has spread and sales have been made in nine states.

This herd has now grown to 35 or 40 high quality cows, a few aged steers, ranging from 1600 to 1900 pounds, each with an imposing set of horns. And a young registered bull. They sell the purebred, unregistered helpers and bulls at about 18 months of age, getting around \$900 for heifers and up to \$1400 for bulls.

We will leave the ranch of Dick and Mardell Pringle for awhile and go to when and where the first Pringle brought the longhorn cattle to Woodson County.

Of the three brothers, Andrew Pringle came to America from Scotland in 1870's, and ended up with a ranch along Cherry Creek in Gila County, in Arizona. Here he established a ranch of longhorns. This ranch resembled the "High Chapperal Ranch" television series that was popular for sometime. John Pringle was last of the Pringle Brothers that came from Scotland to visit his brothers. John Pringle came to Woodson County in 1882. Here he married Miss Emma Lauenders. In 1889 the family moved to Arizona near Globe for about nine years and returned to Woodson Co.

Robert, another brother from Scotland came here and bought several hundred acres of mostly grazing land. This was apart of what was known as the Neff Ranch. This ranch now is operated by the Pringle Brothers, Loren and Nelson. The Flying H was first used in Arizona by the Pringles and the first one registered there.

The two Pringle ranches in Woodson County both used the same brand —  J. Richard Pringle uses this brand on the right side of the animal while the Pringle Ranch, operated by Brothers Loren and Nelson, use the brand on the left side. Loren Pringle and wife live in the ranch house built years ago over a very large spring that flows into a small creek near the house. Nelson and wife, Dorene live in a new house a couple of miles northwest.

PATRONS OF WOODSON COUNTY HISTORICAL QUARTERLY

Milton & Virginia Schornick	Lynn and Gail Cantrell
Kenneth & Barbara Stockebrand	Gaulding Oil Co.
John V. Glades Agency	Mr. & Mrs. Donald Ward
Street Abstract Co., Inc.	Clyde Hill
State Exchange Bank	Kimbell Ranch-Ed. Kimbell
Self Service Grocery	Hi-Way Food Basket
Steiner's Sundries	Atkin Clinic
Piqua Farmer's Co-op	Ken Kimbell
Morton Equipment Co.	Jaspers Shopping Spot
Swope & Son Implement Co.	Daly Western Supply
Superior Bldg. & Supply, Inc.	Linde Barber Shop
The Herring Families	Campbell Plmg. & Electric
Cantrell Hay Co.,	Ted Spencer-Gen. Agent
Craig Cantrell	Woodson Co. Farm Bureau
Helene Schnell	Jaynes Insurance Agency
Wilma Mark	Glenn Shaw
Yates Center News	C.L. "Matty" & Luriel Mathews
Pringle Ranch -	Milton & Marcella Wrampe
J. Richard Pringle	Loren & Rita Cantrell
Atkin Rexall Pharmacy	Al's Jewelry
Campbell Funeral Home	Thomas Wilson
Glen & Zola Baker	Bill Herman
Piqua State Bank	Abbott & Ethel Crandall
Laurence M. & Alice Catherin Smith	

